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For:

POLYMERIZED AND CROSS-LINKED CHIRAL COMPOUNDS AND

METHODS OF MAKING THEREOF

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Below are Applicants' remarks in response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 18, 19 and 36 as follows.

18. (Twice Amended) A polymerised and cross-linked chiral compound obtained by reaction of at least one hydrogen of an alcohol, amine or thiol function of at least one chiral unit of a product with at least one group Q of a bifunctional alkenyloxyaryl or alkenylaryloxyaryl type compound with general formula [R-CH=CH-(X)-O]_n-Ar-Q,

where Q is a group which is reactive towards a hydrogen carried by a heteroatom selected from the group formed by oxygen, nitrogen and sulphur, or a precursor of such a group and where:

- n is in the range 1 to 20;
- R is hydrogen or a linear or branched alkyl group or a linear or branched alkoxy group or hydroxyl or an aryl group, which may be substituted;
- X is an optional linear alkyl group carrying more than one carbon atom or a branched alkyl group, or an aryl group, which may be substituted with at least one group selected from the group formed by hydrogen, alkyl, alkoxy, hydroxyl and trihalogenoalkyl groups;

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